



Policy of University Smoke-Free and Tobacco Control Policy

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1. Policy Statement:

Tishk International University is committed to promoting a healthy, safe, and respectful environment for all members of its community. To achieve this goal, the University strictly prohibits the use of tobacco and nicotine-related products, including cigarettes, cigars, electronic cigarettes, vapes, and similar devices within university premises. This policy applies to students, staff, and visitors, and includes clearly defined awareness initiatives and disciplinary sanctions; penalties etc. and to support compliance and encourage cessation.

2. Rationale:

The implementation of a smoke-free policy aligns with the University's commitment to protecting the health and well-being of its students, staff, and visitors. Secondhand smoke poses significant health risks, and visible smoking around campus negatively affects the institution's image and learning environment. This policy also supports national health regulations and aligns with global awareness efforts, such as World No Tobacco Day. Additionally, it creates a proactive framework for education, prevention, and support for those seeking to quit smoking.

3. Policy Provisions:

3.1.Regulations and Restrictions

❖ Smoking Prohibition:

1. The use of all tobacco and nicotine-related products, including traditional cigarettes, cigars, electronic cigarettes, vapes, and any other vaping devices, is strictly prohibited inside all university buildings.
2. No designated smoking rooms will be provided.
3. This regulation applies to students, staff, and guests.

❖ Restricted Areas:

1. Smoking is strictly forbidden on fire escape staircases inside university buildings.
2. Warning signboards will be installed to inform students and staff of this prohibition.

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❖ **Outdoor Smoking Restrictions:**

1. The committee recommends prohibiting smoking in front of the main entrances of university buildings, as it negatively impacts the institution's image.

3.2. Penalty System

- **Students:** A suspension of 1 to 3 days will be imposed on students found smoking in restricted areas.
- **Staff:** Written warning will be given relevant personnel. Then, A fine of 50,000 IQD will be issued to any staff member caught smoking in prohibited areas.

3.3 Supporting Regulations and Preventive Measures

- **Awareness Programs:**
 1. Organizing workshops and training sessions in collaboration with the Medical Departments to educate students and staff about the risks of smoking.
 2. Conducting activities and awareness campaigns in observance of **World No Tobacco Day** (May 29, 2025).
 3. Collaborating with the Ministry of Health to provide assistance and social support for students and staff who wish to quit smoking.
- **Administrative Measures:**
 1. Installing **CCTV cameras** on staircases to monitor compliance and provide necessary technical support when required for reviewing camera footage.
 2. Displaying **clear warning announcements** stating "No Smoking – Monitored by CCTV" in key locations to reinforce the policy.

4. Implementation and Review:

This policy shall be implemented in May 2025. Regular reviews will be conducted to assess its effectiveness. Any necessary amendments or updates will be made through the established policy revision process.





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5. Responsibility:

a. University Administration:

Responsible for policy enforcement, installation of warning signage, and implementation of disciplinary actions as outlined in the penalty system.

b. Medical Departments:

Collaborate in delivering health education sessions and cessation support for students and staff.

c. Security Services Unit:

Monitor compliance via CCTV and report violations to the relevant administrative bodies.

d. Public Relations Office:

Coordinate awareness campaigns and public messaging on smoking prohibition, including collaboration with the Ministry of Health.

e. Disciplinary Committees of Faculties and University:

Apply and oversee disciplinary measures for students and staff who violate the policy.

6. References:

1. LAW of Confronting Smoking, Number 31, 2007, Kurdistan Region Parliament
2. Student Handbook Disciplinary Regulations
3. Law No 38 (Law of Fighting Smoking in KRI, 2007, Presidency of Kurdistan Region, Signed by Mr. Masud Barzani

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